

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application.

The Examiner contends that claims 1-30 can be divided amongst two designated species (identified as species I and species II by the Examiner), and further that the claims pertaining to species II can be divided amongst three additional patentably distinct species (identified as species III, IV, and V by the Examiner). The Examiner requests that applicant elect one of the species I and II for further prosecution on the merits, and further that if applicant elects species II, then applicant identify one of the species III, IV and V for further prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims pertaining to species II, and the subsect of species II identified as species III by the Examiner. Claims 1 and 6-15 are generic to species I and II. Claims 3 and 16-30 pertain to species II, and are generic to the species III, IV and V. Applicant therefore believes that claims 1, 3 and 6-30 read on the species II and III elected by Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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